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IN PARTICULAR FOR INSERTION  
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The following three documents were cited in a Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 35 27 991. An English-language abstract of this document is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

U.S. Patent No. 5,595,697.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 42 43 828. An English-language abstract of this document is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than 30 (thirty) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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